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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: 5-SUBSTITUTED 1,1-DIOXO-1,2,5-THIADIAZOLIDIN-3-ONE  
DERIVATIVESCommissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

The Office Action of July 13, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on August 13, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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